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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Ausnit Customer No. 29540

Serial No.: 10/040,117

For: **PROCESS AND APPARATUS FOR FORMING
PACKAGING BAGS WITH A FASTENER**

Filed: January 4, 2002

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Art Unit: 3721

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**PETITION UNDER RULE 78(a)(3) TO ACCEPT
UNINTENTIONALLY DELAYED PRIORITY CLAIM**

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Patentee respectfully petitions for the acceptance of an unintentionally delayed

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priority claim to include U.S. patent application serial no. 09/633,944, filed August 8, 2000 and which was pending on January 4, 2002 (the filing date of this application). This priority was originally requested on December 23, 2002 as shown in the attached copy of the Preliminary Amendment

It is respectfully submitted that said Preliminary Amendment provides the reference to the prior-filed application under 35 U.S.C. §120, as required by Rule 78(a)(3)(i)

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In accordance with Rule 78(a)(3)(iii), patentee states that the entire delay between the date the claim was due under Rule 78(a)(2)(ii) and the date the claim was filed was unintentional.

Respectfully submitted,

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Washington, D.C. 20231

SIR:

Prior to any action in above-identified application, kindly amend the application as follows:

In the Specification:

Kindly rewrite the **CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS** portion of the application as follows:

This application is a division of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/633,944, filed on August 08, 2000, which is a division of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/292,256, filed on April 15, 1999 and abandoned.

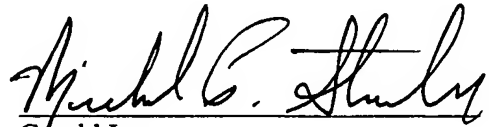
REMARKS

The present amendment is being submitted to clarify the chain of copendency of the present application with that of the parent application. Accordingly, the specification has been amended with a marked-up version which is included in a section attached hereto. In the amended specification, the words between brackets are being removed, and the underlined words are being added, which places the amended specification into the form given above. The attached section is captioned **VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE.**

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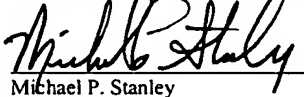


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In the Specification:

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